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Dear Colleague,

We are pleased that you have decided to apply for the Teachers to Teachers: Language, Technology, Math and Science Exchange. The exchange provides opportunities for Russian and U.S. teachers to learn from one another, compare best practices, and foster excellence in the classroom through the sharing of ideas and expertise. Teachers to Teachers aims to recognize the excellence and commitment of secondary school teachers and teacher-trainers in a broad range of subjects by providing U.S. based professional development seminars, practical classroom-learning opportunities, as well as preparation to conduct post-program professional development workshops for colleagues in Russia.

The Liberal Arts Component of this program supports the professional development of Russian teachers in the fields of **English as a Foreign Language** (EFL), **History** and **Social Studies**. (Social Studies includes history, government, economics, civics, sociology, economic geography, and anthropology.)

There is a separate, Russian language, application for the Math, Hard Sciences and Information Technologies program component.

Winning secondary school teachers and teacher-trainers in the Liberal Arts Component will participate in both university-based professional development seminars and U.S. classroom instruction and observation in the spring of 2008. Participants will work with faculty mentors to develop curriculum and implementation plans for professional development workshops that will be conducted for peers after returning from the U.S.

The goals of the Teachers to Teachers: Language, Technology, Math and Science Exchange are to provide practical classroom-opportunities as well as professional development. Professional development seminars will be offered in teaching methodologies, curriculum development, and workshop design and implementation. During the U.S. program, participants create a professional development seminar, and returning teachers are expected to conduct professional development workshops for colleagues in their communities to share the knowledge gained from their time spent in the U.S. Participants and their schools are encouraged to develop contacts with the U.S., which may result in long-term partnerships.

Applications are being accepted from the following regions of the Russian Federation:

Nizhniy Novgorod oblast Tver oblast Moscow oblast (only from Teachers of Ryazan oblast Yaroslavl oblast History and Social Studies)

Candidates will not be judged on the basis of race, nationality, gender, or social position. Preference will be given to applicants who are 10 or more years away from retirement age.

Applications are encouraged and welcomed from **both** urban and rural areas of the regions listed above. Care will be taken to evaluate candidates according to their abilities and not according to their school's availability of resources and/or opportunities for international contact and exchanges.

Finalists must be able to receive a U.S. J-1 visa and maintain their visa status for the duration of the program. Since this program is funded by the U.S. Government, participants must spend two years in Russia after completing the program before they are eligible for a U.S. temporary work visa or U.S. immigration visa. They will be eligible for other categories of temporary visas.

Evaluation Criteria

First Round Nomination Committees, Selection Committees, and Interview Teams evaluate all applicants using the following criteria:

- Candidate's ability to teach in the field of application
- Innovation in teaching / Flexibility
- Awareness and commitment to diversity and pluralism
- Professionalism
- Leadership / Alumni Potential

Financial Provisions

- J-1 visa support
- Roundtrip ticket from participant's home city to host institution in the U.S.
- Medical Insurance: Participants are covered for emergency medical treatment. Insurance does not cover pre-existing conditions, the cost of routine eye examinations, eyeglasses, contact lenses, or any dental work.
- Room and Board for duration of program

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Eligibility requirements

In order to compete in the program, the candidate must:

- Be a citizen and resident of Russia
- ♦ Have graduated from a university, pedagogical institute or pedagogical university.
- ♦ Not have spent a substantive period in the United States on a U.S.-government funded program in the past five years. (For the purpose of this application, more than 30 consecutive days constitutes a substantive period of time).
- Be presently employed as one of the following: a secondary school **teacher** in an accredited secondary school (grades 5-11) or; **teacher-trainer** or **instructor** at an In-Service Institute (*Institut povysheniya kvalifikatsii*).
- ♦ Have a minimum of five academic years (soglasno zapisyam trudovoi knizhki) teaching or teacher-training experience in the application field or both.
- Intend to continue teaching or administering in a school or teacher training institute in Russia for two years AFTER returning from the United States.
- ♦ Be able to embark on the 4-week program in **spring 2008.**
- Demonstrate sufficient knowledge of English to understand lectures and written materials, and to communicate with U.S. counterparts in both professional and social settings.

The Application

The Application package consists of three (3) sections: biographical questions, essay questions and one recommendation. When answering the essay questions, it is important to provide as much detail as possible and concrete examples **in the space provided.** Please also urge people providing recommendations to give concrete examples and as much detail as possible. Answers should be typed or NEATLY hand-written in the spaces provided. Illegible applications will not be considered. Applications submitted by fax or e-mail will **not** be accepted.

Additional materials such as student work, hand-outs, etc. should <u>not</u> be included with your application. Material that requires technical equipment, such as videotapes, will not be reviewed by the selection committee and should not be included. Nothing submitted can be returned to the applicant.

Selection Process:

There are three phases to the selection of candidates. Once submitted, your application will be evaluated by a committee consisting of education specialists in your subject field. Top applicants must participate in an interview and complete a standardized test of English. Following interviews and testing, applications and interview results will be reviewed and finalists and alternates selected.

Teachers to Teachers: Language, Technology, Math and Science Exchange is an open, merit-based competition.

Deadlines and Contact Information

Once you are certain that you meet the eligibility requirements, you must complete the application in English and submit it, ALONG WITH TWO PHOTOCOPIES OF THE COMPLETED APPLICATION, to the Moscow American Councils office. Teachers and teacher-trainers applying in the subjects of EFL, History and Social Studies must submit applications no later than 18:00, November 30, 2007. Applications sent by mail must be post marked no later than November 30, 2007.

Applications may be either submitted during American Councils' Moscow office work hours (9:30 – 18:00, Monday – Friday) or mailed to the following address:

119049 Россия, Москва, а/я 1 Ленинский пр-т, 2, к.533 Американские советы по международному образованию Программа «Учителя-учителям» Тел: (495) 956-78-05

Электронная почта: uchadmin@actr.ru

For additional information and application materials, please contact American Councils at the address listed above or visit our site at www.americancouncils.spb.ru.

We look forward to receiving your application and wish you every success!

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Su	ibject of Applicati				
		History/Soci	al Studies (You ma	y only select one.)	
1.	Last Name		First		
	Patronymic				
2.		Female	Male		Please Attach a Recent Photo Here
3.	Citizenship			_ (Do <i>not</i> list USSR or NIS)	
4.	Date of Birth	Month / Date / Year	_		
5.	Place of Birth	City			
		City	Region	Country	
6.	Do you have an in	nternational passport?			
	Name as in interna	ational passport:			
	Series and No		Expira	tion date	
7.	Name and Mailing	g Address in Russian		Month / Date / Ye	ar
	Oblast/Republic		City	Index	
	_		-		/Korpus Flat
			FIISt		Patronymic
8.	Mailing Address i	in Latin letters			
	Street Address, ho	ouse, flat			
	City		Index	Oblast/F	Republic
	Home Telephone	(city code): ()_		E-Mail:	
9.	Employment Info	ormation			
	Name of school	where currently employe	ed (in English)		
	Oblast/Republic		City		Index
	Address			House	Stroenie/Korpus
	Telephone (city of	code): ()		Fax	
	School E-mail				
10). Your Present P				
Ti	tle(s)				
W	hen did you begin	working as a teacher or	teacher trainer?	Month / Year	
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11. Information about Your School					
Name of school Director	Direct	Director's Telephone (city code): ()			
School Address					
Name of your Supervisor	Superv	visor's Telephone (city code): (_)		
Number of teachers/teacher trainers at	school or institute				
Number of students at your so	chool				
Number of teachers attending	g your teacher training institute (for IPK	only)			
Number of teachers in your fi	ield at your school				
Number of secondary schools	s in your city				
	g Address in Russian (A contact persor using your personal or school contact inf		cted should America		
Oblast/Republic	City	Index			
Address	Hous	se Stroenie/Korpus	Flat _		
Last Name	First	Patronymic			
Telephone (city code): ()_	Relations	hip to you (son, neighbor etc.)			
13. Daily Schedule for Current Year	r				
List the various subjects that you are p	presently teaching. Use the example proving	vided to complete the question.			
<u>Subject</u>	Teaching Hours per Week	Grade Level of Students	Age of Students		
EXAMPLE					
Happy English	3	5-9(5 groups)	10-15		
Total academic hours of teaching per	wook (E	ale: 28 hours per week)			

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14. Additional duties or activities

Describe your workload outside of being a classroom teacher (<i>example</i> : advising, supervision, extracurricular activities). Describe in detail the nature of these activities, whether they involve students and/or faculty and/or administration. If they involve students, please note the students' age and grades.
15. Professional Activities
Describe professional activities in which you participate or have participated (for example: attendance or speaking at professional development seminars, membership in teaching organizations or associations, civic activities, etc.)
16. Honors and Publications

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17. Education History				
Please list below your educ	eation history.			
Institute/University and (City Years Attended De Do not translate the name of the degree		ecialty write "Diplom," etc.	
18. Employment History Starting with your present	position and proceeding backwards ir	n time, list all positions vo	u have held during the la	ast ten vears.
Position Position	Employer		dress	<u>Dates</u>
	anguage?			
20. Knowledge of Foreign	1 Languages			
	hat you know. Rate your reading, wr Fluent 4-Confident 3-Fairly Cor			cale from 1-5:
<u>Language</u>		<u>Reading</u>	Writing	<u>Oral</u>
21. International Experie				
	l travel you have undertaken and the	reason for that travel (stud	ly, vacation, teaching, so	holarship, exchang
22. Please list any U.S. Go	vernment-funded programs that yo	u have participated in, and	d dates of participation:	

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23. Essay Ouestions

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Please answer the following in the spaces provided. In order for the selection committees to evaluate your individual merits prope it is important that you provide concise responses with examples and specific details. Please type or write neatly with a blue or blacepen.
A) Statement of Purpose: Describe your goals for participating on this program – why is it important to you? What do you hope to learn? What do you hope to achieve?
B) Leadership/Professionalism: Describe significant leadership roles you have held among your peers. Detail how you have resolved a significant challenge in your career.

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C) Professional Development: If you are selected to participate in this exchange, you will be required to develop a professional development seminar to share your knowledge with your colleagues. This seminar must be fully designed and completed before departing the United States. List two or three issues you believe are important to consider in the development of teacher training materials. What materials would make this training more productive? D) Often, a classroom or community is composed of varying backgrounds and cultures. This includes students of different learning styles and abilities. Detail your methods for teaching students of mixed ability or from varied backgrounds. Give examples of how you include all learners in the educational process. How do you teach your students to value one another as equals regardless of their differences? Again, please use specific examples.

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LETTER OF REFERENCE (from Supervisor or Teacher Trainer) Teachers to Teachers: Language, Technology, Math and Science Exchange

This letter of reference must be written by a former or current supervisor or teacher trainer of the candidate. This form may be completed in English or your native language. If written in any language besides English, the response to Question III should be translated into English on a separate sheet of paper. The letter of reference may be translated by the applicant.

Name of Candidate					
City and Name of Candida	ate's School				
Name of Person Providin	ng reference:				
I. How long have you	known the candid	late?			
		re familiar with the car			
trainer from your p evaluation of the optential. If possii Your statement wii given to those appl	coint of view as a secondidate's knowledge, please commediate be given considerations with reference.	supervisor or teacher to edge of the field, ski ent on any evidence of erable attention by the ences that have been so	rainer. Of particular Ills as a teacher or to the candidate's crees election committee apported by concrete	interest to the selection eacher trainer, professativity or innovation is reviewing the application examples and details.	school teacher or teacher n committees will be you ssionalism, and leadership n the field of application cation. Preference will be have come into contact.
Criterion	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average	Unable to Rate
Intellectual Ability					
Knowledge of Subject					
Work Habits					
Dedication to					
Teaching/Training					
Innovation in Teaching					
Ability to Engage					
Students/Teachers					
Leadership Qualities					
Professionalism					
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V. Indicate where the Please circle the mo		rank among teachers ercentage.	or teacher trainers	with whom you have	come into contact.
BEST 100%	90% 80%	70% 60% 50	% 40% 30%	20% 10%	0% WORST

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Response to Question III:

Name and Title (print)
Place and City of Employment
Signature and Date
Work Telephone (city code): ()
E-mail:

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CERTIFICATION AND AGREEMENT

I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I completed this application myself, without any assistance. I understand that giving false or misleading information in the application form or at any time during the selection process may result in exclusion from the competition or dismissal from the program. American Councils may verify this information if needed. If selected, I agree to comply with all the regulations of the Teachers to Teachers: Language, Technology, Math and Science Exchange

I certify that I meet all the eligibility requirements to participate in the competition:

I am a citizen and resident of Russia.								
I have graduated from a university, pedagogical institute or pedagogical university.								
 I have not spent a substantive period of time (more than 30 days) in the United States on a U.S. Government funded print the past five years. I am presently employed as one of the following: a secondary school teacher in an accredited secondary school (grade or teacher trainer or instructor at an institute involved in teacher training. 								
								I have a minimum of five academic years (soglasno zapisyam trudovoi knizhki) teaching or teacher-training experience application field.
I intend to continue teaching in a school or teacher institu	te in Russia for two years AFTER returning from the United States.							
I am able to embark on the program in the spring of 2008								
I understand that it is a program expectation to complete a colleagues in Russia in a formal workshop during the sum	professional development seminar while in the U.S. to share with mer following my return.							
I have sufficient knowledge of English to understand lectucounterparts in both professional and social settings.	ures and written materials, and to communicate with U.S.							
Name of Applicant								
Country of Citizenship								
Oblast/Republic of Residence								
Signature of Applicant								
Date								
How did you hear about the Teachers to Teachers: Language, Tea National newspaper Educational Advising Center Local newspaper American Center or Corner Teacher Training Institute School Television advertisement or news report Friend, student, supervisor Alumni of American Councils program. Name								
□ Other								

Other _

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<u>Политика Американских Советов по международному образованию</u> (АСПРЯЛ/АКСЕЛС) по работе с информацией о кандидатах и участниках программ

Информация о кандидатах и участниках программ необходима Американским Советам по международному образованию для проведения программ и оценки их качества и эффективности, а также для разработки новых проектов.

Американские Советы строго соблюдают принцип конфиденциальности информации, полученной от кандидатов и участников программ, и используют информацию в соответствии с положениями, изложенными в настоящем документе. Основные положения данного документа действительны только для Американских Советов, другие организации, вовлеченные в администрирование программ, могут придерживаться иной или подобной политики в работе с информацией о кандидатах и участниках программ.

1. Содержание и средства сбора информации

Содержание информации о кандидатах и участниках программ составляют сведения, получаемые от них при заполнении анкет, проведении интервью и в процессе выполнения программы, и данные, относящиеся к администрированию программы. Эта информация, помимо контактных сведений, сведений об образовании, профессиональном опыте и месте работы участников, может включать также иную личную информацию.

Указанные сведения сохраняются Американскими Советами в письменной и электронной форме. Некоторые данные, такие, как контактная информация (адрес, телефон, адрес электронной почты), постоянно обновляются для того, чтобы представители Американских Советов могли поддерживать связь с участниками с целью передачи дополнительной информации о новых программах и проектах, а также для оценки участниками эффективности проводимых программ.

2. Использование информации

Информация используется:

- при рассмотрении Вашей кандидатуры для участия в программе отборочной комиссией,
- для предоставления в организации, финансирующие программу,
- для предоставления в потенциальные принимающие школы, университеты, иные принимающие организации, с целью последующего участия в их академических программах и профессиональных стажировках, а также в принимающие семьи,
- для оценки эффективности Вашего участия в программе и соответствия нормам и правилам, установленным программой,
- для своевременного оповещения выпускников программ о предстоящих мероприятиях, новых программах и проектах, в которых они могут принять участие,
- при сборе данных для оценки эффективности проводимых программ,
- для предоставления в финансирующие учреждения и организации, приглашаемые Американскими Советами, для оценки эффективности проводимых программ,
- для предоставления участникам и выпускникам программ, финансируемых правительством США, с целью расширения связей между выпускниками,
- для предоставления некоммерческим организациям в целях содействия профессиональному развитию выпускников программ.

Информация о кандидатах, участниках и выпускниках программ также может быть использована при проведении статистических и оценочных исследований по программам Американскими Советами, финансирующими организациями или их уполномоченными представителями. Информация, анализируемая в этих целях, может быть опубликована только в качестве статистических данных. Персональные данные не являются предметом публикаций. Исключение составляет контактная информация, а также данные, относящиеся к проведению академических программ, профессиональных стажировок (место проведения программы, стажировки: школы, университеты и др. принимающие организации; область специализации и тема исследования) и дальнейшему привлечению выпускников в послепрограммную деятельность (участие в мероприятиях для выпускников и программе малых грантов). Материалы, которые кандидаты, участники или выпускники программ предоставляют Американским Советам (статьи, отзывы, обращения, фотографии и т.п.) могут быть опубликованы, если при их передаче или впоследствии не был установлен прямой запрет на публикацию.

Подписывая на	стоящий документ, Вы даете тем самым с	согласие на получение,	использование,	хранение и распро	остранение
информации о	Вас в соответствии с условиями, изложени	ными выше.			
подпись	ФИО полностью			дата	